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Exchange of Christmas Cards Among ERA Personnel

1. Your memorandum of 15 October 1958 suggests that ERA personnel might wish to contribute a small amount to CARE rather than exchange Christmas Cards among themselves. Personally I am in favor of this idea and as far as I can make out the majority of those hearing of the idea would also be in favor.

2. Your subject memorandum, however, suggests that this idea be taken up through a formal Staff Meeting with Division and Staff Chiefs and that they in turn may carry it back to their components. In short it proposes using the official channels to secure the adoption of the idea. This is, unfortunately, precisely the point on which the AD fought last year quite understandably. He does not feel that such a scheme should be imposed, or even recommended, by the management and I tend to agree with him.

3. Accordingly, it is suggested, if you consider it appropriate, that you and those around you who are in agreement initiate the scheme as a spontaneous unofficial "grass roots" movement. If the idea catches on and achieves general favor, the facilities of the organization could probably be made available in support as needed.

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